

Failure of IGMDP of DRDO

1532. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme of the Defence Research and Development Organisation remains a venture matchless for its repeated and expensive failures;

(b) if so, what are the specific reasons for the failure; and

(c) the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir. Missiles viz Prithvi, Agni (Technology Demonstrator) were developed under a separate project following successful demonstration of Agni under Integrated Guided Missiles Development Programme (IGMDP) and have already been inducted into Services. Other variants of these like Agni-I & II, Dhanush and Prithvi-II have also been developed successfully and inducted. Development of Akash and Nag missiles have been completed. These are ready for user trials, after which they will enter into induction and production phase. Development of Trishul missile has also been completed. DRDO is in dialogue with Indian Air Force for possible induction of Trishul missile after jointly developing the user trial criteria.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Regulating middlemen in defence deals

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is reported to have stated recently that the country's defence purchases cannot take place without the assistance of middlemen, associated with the defence industries;

(b) whether he also stated that there should be a mechanism to regulate their activities; and

(c) if so, whether Government have chalked out any scheme in this regard and if so, the details thereof?